

Dear Friend Garrison -

Dukland June 30<sup>th</sup> 1853

<sup>100</sup> In forwarding a communication for the Liberator I avail myself of the occasion to offer a few lines of friendly greeting to you. No doubt you have observed the travails of the Christian Prof, since the Cincinnati Convention and that they are mightily increased by those at Hartford. I only see them through the Buple and the replies of our most excellent Ministers, of whom this world is scarce worthy. Our Friend's paper the Her of Freedom has taken up the burden since the sickness of the editor and whilst under the charge of a brother Wesleyan priest, W B Bur.

The last paper June 24<sup>th</sup> has an editorial headed Disrespect. So scandalous in its import that I have addressed him in private letter of remonstrance with the promise of publishing if he wishes to retract or explain. His labors in some directions here are really beneficial to society and therefore I thought it wisest to take that course before offering a public condemnation. I think Mr Chaffin will regret the publication of it whenever he becomes well enough to examine it.

"Again our Wendell Phillips examines the constitutional question, in a sheet of our eloquence and power as should electrify the nation. There must be among Free Soilers, a large number who have intellect to perceive their subtleties all demolished, although, alas! the number must ever to acknowledge it will probably be few."

Through some of the Spiritual Mediums. W P Rogers professes to assist him in his efforts. That he has inspiration from some source I cannot read and doubt.

A singular occurrence transpired in my experience on this subject that I believe I have never related to you.



Sometime in January or February 1852 I went to attend  
a meeting of an A.B. society in Haverhill, O. Previous to the  
run of meetings several of us were receiving "spiritual communica-  
tions" at a house in the village and I left a number of the  
friends still engaged when I went to the meeting house. As  
but a few were assembled I took from my pocket a Liberator  
containing a sheet of Mr Phillips then just published and be-  
gan reading it aloud to attract attention for a time. When  
perhaps half through a person came and took me from the  
audience by saying I was sent for and must go. I handed  
the paper to a friend and asked him to finish the reading  
while I went to see what was needed. Upon reentering  
the room where I had left the medium I found her in the  
magnetic state and blindfolded by a handkerchief over her  
eyes. Approaching her she grasped my hand and leading me  
to the table wrote "I know not the man" - "I spoke through  
his voice and by his lips - did you know it or not?" I kept  
silent until the question  
was repeated with a slight variation in language. I then  
answered aloud "No - do you mean to say Mr Rogers then you  
spoke through Wendell Phillips voice what I have just been  
reading?" "Yes" was instantaneously uttered - The singularity  
of the affair was increased by the fact that no paper but the  
Liberator had then published the sheet in question - and no  
copy of it was taken nearer than nine - six miles distant -  
and I had said no word and knew that no other person  
had ever said a word on the subject of such a sheet being  
in existence in the presence of the medium - and that no  
other means of knowledge existed by which she could have  
learned - So Mr Phillips need not grow proud over his efforts!  
God bless him for his share in them, much a little - and  
you - and all the dear friends to humanity.

Yours affectionately A. W. Drake